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**Raised S.B. No. 1064 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY
VOTING**

Dear Senator Mae Flexer (Co-Chair), Representative Matt Blumenthal (Co-Chair), Ranking members Senator Rob Sampson and Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco and esteemed members of the Government Administration & Elections (GAE) Committee:

My name is Mary Consoli, I live and vote in Danbury CT, thank you for the opportunity to give testimony to support Early Voting in Connecticut. In November 2022 the voters of Connecticut made it clear they wanted Early Voting, now it is your responsibility to provide the ways and means to implement this Bill. Fully funding this Bill is essential because the voters spoke and all people involved, from top to bottom, need to be educated and this Bill must be implemented properly to protect all voting rights. It should not become an unfunded mandate.

I have been a nurse for 50 plus years, I have worked every other weekend for 30 of those years. Nurses today continue to work alternating weekends to make scheduling practicable. The time frame for Early Voting should be 14 days and must cover two weekends along with early and later voting times. Nurses and all workers need to be able to vote early should they choose.

This Bill applies to general elections, primaries and referendums, there must be a sufficient number of polling places in all cities and towns to allow all voters access and ability to vote and there should be a standard followed throughout the State established by the Secretary of State.

Lastly, my privacy for casting an early ballot must be protected in the same way my ballot would be protected if I voted on the day of election.

I urge you to support Raised Senate Bill No 1064.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mary Consoli